

**MACOMB COUNTY 4H DEVELOPMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HORSE PROJECT  
FEBRUARY 2, 2004**

**Meeting called to order:**      **7:05PM**

**Pledges**

**Attendance:** **Just For Fun:** Mike DeFour, Ann Schroeder **Rays Riding Rascals:** Karen Rinke, Sandy Laudicina, Nicole Hainer, Lucy Cooper, Cathy Bleacher, Lucy Cooper **Hollywood Stars:** Donna Wilson **Washington Raiders:** Rita Faulk **Romeo Rough Riders:** Sue Kutche, Elaine Zuccaro, Joanne Zuccaro, Norma Agnew **Mini:** Cathy Cooper **PEP:** Janet Weber **Outlaws:** Carolyn Eagle **Midnite Riders:** Faye Cerku **Macomb Mavericks:** Julie Wallace, Jenny Wallace **MSU Extension Office:** Tina Fleming; Courtney Kus

**Agenda:**      Reviewed

**Minutes:**      Reviewed from January 5, 2004. Motion to accept: 1.) Ann Schroeder  
2.) Nicole Hainer      (Approved)

**Treasurers Report:**

1.      Reviewed Actual v/s Proposed Budget prepared by S. Laudicina. Discussed reduction in number of porta-potties with permanent facilities available and agreed to reduce number of port-potties by 1. Motion to accept budget: 1.) Ann Schroeder 1.) Nicole Hainer (Approved)
2.      NSF check received as payment for banquet. Details not available since check was sent to County Office. If anyone has details, please contact Sandy Laudicina.

**Old Business:**

1.      **Judges list distributed.**
2.      **Calendar for 2004:** Sue Kutche provided a calendar with 4H and EMHA activities scheduled. Jan Weber questions availability of Camp Rotary in April for a Mini clinic. The group discussed the possibility that it may be difficult to get in and out of Camp Rotary at that time.
  - Camp Rotary Clean Up Date:  
Saturday, May 1st & Saturday May 8th -- 9 AM  
\*\*Need dad's to assist with construction
  - Basic Ride Test:  
Saturday, May 22nd @ Armada Fair (Pending approval by Fair Board-- with Armada Fair clean-up to be done at same time). Camp Rotary will be a backup location if the fair grounds are not available.
  - EMHA show dates and membership available to families wanting to do more showing.
3.      **Show Bill:** Show bill committee distributed proposed changes for review with individual clubs. Changes will be voted on at the March meeting.
  - Gymkhana Showmanship: Proposed for those exhibitors that show Gymkhana classes only. The class would allow exhibitors to meet county requirement to show in a showmanship class. Proposed class would take place prior to gaming classes and would not be considered a point class for State eligibility.

- Reverse order of Hunter Hack and Intro to Jumping class to allow changes of course from EOF to Intro to Jumping(4 jumps) and then to Hunter Hack (2 jumps).
- 4. **Helmet Rule:** Riders cannot be faulted for wearing an approved safety helmet in western classes.
- 5. **By-Laws for the Developmental Committee:** Distributed *Draft #3*. Clubs are to review:
  - A.) The County's suggested change to have 2 youth members represent clubs in addition to 1 adult member.
  - B.) The requirement of the adult member to be a screened.
  - C.) Allowing a substitute member to represent and vote on behalf of a clubs designated DC representative.
  - D.) Addition to Article VII establishing a "Resolution Committee" of five teen members and two adult members to resolve protests and discrepancies that are not clearly addressed in the Michigan State 4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations or the Macomb County 4-H Horse Project Rules and Regulations.
- 6. **Bill Collins Award:** Distributed description and application of this award as agreed upon in January meeting. Sue Kutchev advised applications will be due by September 1st. Attention to detail and presentation of the application discussed. Discussion by the group to exclude those awarded the Bill Collins award from re-applying, making it an award to be given only once to an individual. Members will take this suggestion back to their clubs and a vote will be taken at the March meeting.
- 7. **Jane Sylvester Award:** The revised description of this award was distributed as discussed and agreed upon in the January meeting.
- 8. **Club work assignments:** TBD at March meeting.
- 9. **Ad Books:** Carolyn Eagle distributed packets to all clubs. A reminder that the 1/5 page is an odd size and no longer available.
- 10. **Armada Fair:** Rita Faulk addressed the following items:
  - \* Coggins Test -- Add the name of the person exhibiting in the upper corner.
  - \* Check in will run the same as it did last year.
  - \* The show is planned to run 1 hour earlier to allow for the King/Queen contest. Classes may be rearranged as needed to accommodate the K/Q schedule. But the show will not be delayed because of the K/Q contest.
  - \* Judges have been selected
  - \* We have 60 stalls, but at this time extra stalls are anticipated. Clubs should submit entries and those received over the 60 stalls will be placed on a wait list for box stalls.
  - \* Leaders must take all club entries to the Fair office as a group. Open entries should be prepared and submitted separately.
  - \* At this time stall assignment is given on a first come basis with the balance to be wait listed. Carolyn Eagle suggested the DC address the need to come up with a plan to address the allocation of exhibitors v/s stalls. Comments: Limit exhibitors to 1 horse. Obtain an estimate of those planning to show at the Fair to determine interest. Motion made to establish a committee to address allocation of stalls v/s exhibitors. 1.) Carolyn Eagle 2.) Julie Wallace (Approved).
  - \* Wednesday night will be pizza party and fun games for 4H members.
  - \* Wednesday night is the busiest night at the fair and clubs are asked to leave decorations in place until Thursday AM.
  - \* Fireworks schedule is not available yet, but exhibitors will be advised in advance.
  - \* There are rumors of a new barn.

- \* Craft judging will take place on Sunday instead of Monday this year.
- \* Norma Agnew advised the group that the Vet Science exhibit will have some changes to the rules this year. Anyone planning to participate should check the size requirement for this year's exhibit.

**New Business:**

1. Jan Weber questioned the Agreement with Camp Rotary. She expressed concern that the agreement was not current and our ability to sub-lease the park to EMHA citing the requirement to make Camp Rotary aware of an agreement to sub-let. Sue Kutchey indicated the agreement with Camp Rotary is current and the have been made aware of the EMHA show schedule.
2. Sue Kutchey addressed the Mini Club clarifying members of this club must also submit registration to Julie Wallace with the \$25.00 fee as all other exhibitors. Mini Club members must also sell ads for the Macomb County 4H ad book. Expenses for judges, rental, and ribbons will be paid by the Developmental Committee. This will allow the Mini Club to focus on Club activities and not budget and expense associated with the shows. The Mini Club will also be included in the year end banquet activities. Clinics organized and put on by the Mini Club are considered club activities.
3. PEP was discussed and at this time is considered an activity and not a club. We will be advised who our representative is for the PEP project. The next PEP meeting is scheduled for Wed at 6:30 PM at the MSU Ext office. Clubs were asked to solicit support for the PEP project. Volunteers are needed to work in the program (May - Sept).
4. Horse First Aid Clinic - Ann Schroeder is still negotiating dates and location.
5. Gaming High Point Trophy - Julie Wallace addressed calculations for high point. This award is based on an overall high point.
6. Patterns for 2004:
  - Reining #1
  - Dressage #3
  - Saddle Seat #1
  - Equitation over fences #1Motion: 1.) Donna Wilson 2.) Elaine Zucarro (Approved)
7. Courtney Kus indicated the county currently does not have a hippology project. She is available to assist with anyone interested in leading the project for the county. Those that may be interested should contact Tina Fleming and she will refer them onto Courtney.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:35 PM 1.) Ann Schroeder 2.) Sandy Laudicina (Approved)

Next Meeting: March 1st. 7:00 PM (Place to be confirmed by Sue Kutchey)